



What you can do this month:
** Attend the branch annual meeting and brunch on April 20
**Vote for branch officers (electronic ballot coming to your email)
**Vote in the AAUW national election

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PROGRAM

Bouquets of Accomplishment



The branch annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 20, 11:30 AM – 2 PM, at Vic's All Star Kitchen in Pleasanton.

Celebrate this year's accomplishments with mimosas (or other nonalcoholic drinks) and visiting from 11:30 AM to 12 noon. A selection of brunch entrees will be served at 12 noon.

RSVPs and checks are due no later than April 14. Checks should be made out to AAUW-LPD and mailed to Tina Amber, 2704 Turnstone Drive, Pleasanton, 94566. Cost is \$45 and includes all drinks (including mimosas), tax and tip.

Brunch will be followed by a short business meeting. We will be recognizing those members who have made our Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin branch flourish this year. In addition, we are fortunate to have Ileana Maestosa as our guest speaker, with a presentation on California Native American Women and their role as cultural bearers, leaders and activists.

Save the dates:

May 17–Author Helen Sorensen

June 7–Branch get together and installation

GIRL PROGRAMS

March was a busy month for Girl Programs. We kicked off with Planning For College led by Sheryl Morgan in partnership with the Livermore Public Library. Pam Leong and Naomi Siu then followed immediately with STEM Day, in partnership with Los Positas and Sandia National Laboratories. This past week, Nitu Shinde and Karen Cowen led us through the final interviews and selection for our 2024 Tech Trek Campers. I thank these five women and their teams for putting on valuable programs and supporting the Mission of AAUW. Please take a moment and read about each of these fabulous events as detailed below. As all of you support this work for which LPD is known, I want to be sure to thank you, our members, as without your financial support and volunteer hours none of this work would be possible.

Anita Massey, President

Tech Trek

For Tech Trek 2024, we received nominations of 25 girls from teachers at seven middle schools across the Livermore, Pleasanton, and Dublin school districts. The Tech Trek committee selected 14 girls for in-person interviews based on the applications submitted on CampDoc. Interviews were held on March 16, and nine girls have been selected to attend this year's Camp Hopper at Santa Clara University in July 2024.



Thanks again to all who have contributed financially to Tech Trek. Donations are always accepted with checks made out to LPD-AAUW Tech Trek Scholarship and sent to PO Box 661, Livermore 94550.

Planning for College

We were fortunate to bring back our "Planning for College" series this year. We partnered with the Livermore Library and two area college admissions consultants – Stephanie Ueland and Jackie Stamps. The March 5 session focused on what students need to know about college admissions as they begin high school. Ten families with students from grades 7-10 joined the session. On March 7, six of those families returned and two others joined the session focused on unraveling the complexities of applying to college – how many to apply; how to build a list of target schools; which tests are needed; and more. We want to thank the Livermore Library for hosting us and Stephanie and Jackie for presenting the informative sessions.

Sheryl Morgan
Coordinator



GIRLS' PROGRAMS (continued)

STEM Day for Girls

And the survey says--the event was a success! 100% of the girls want to come back if we have an event next year!

This was the first event where AAUW LPD has partnered with Sandia National Laboratories and Las Positas College. Sponsored by Sandia National Laboratories, we jointly developed 3 different STEM workshops:

Cyber CSI – led by our own Carol Kinnard

Aerodynamic Forces – led by Christine Crandall, Sandia National Laboratories

DNA of Living Things – led by Jessica Trinh, Sandia National Laboratories



The 41 girls learned so much and had so much fun, and 48% of them couldn't choose which workshop was their favorite. And for 95% of the girls, it was their first STEM event.

A big thank you to all the volunteers: Chris Alesso, Tina Amber, Dot Bishop, Rayna Dhesi (high school volunteer), Norma Foss, Charlene Grandfield, Maria Kennedy, Carol Kinnard, Pam Leong, Anita Massey, Sheryl Morgan, Jasmin Sahota (past Tech Trekker), Ginny Reineking, Nitu Shinde, Siddi Shinde (past Tech Trekker), Anooj Shinde (Nitu's son), Naomi Siu, PJ Wells, and Roz Wright.

See the [Celebrations](#) section of this newsletter for photos of the day.

Naomi Siu and Pam Leong
Co Chairs

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Foundation Non-Event Fundraiser

We are getting closer to our funding goal, thanks to more donations. As you all know, college costs are rising each year, and our scholarships can make a small dent in the overall fees. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

There is still time to send your tax deductible donation! Just place your check in the envelope provided with the invitation and mail. We are thankful for the recent donations from Pushpa Dalal, Monica Potter, Sally Stock, Myla Grasso, Pat Wilen and Maria Kennedy.

Vicki-Dawn Rader and Ginny Reineking, Fundraising Co-Chairs

BOARD UPDATE

Are you a “detail person”? Interested in branch operations? Then volunteer to help update the branch Policies and Procedures to support the newly approved by-laws. Contact President [Anita Massey](#) for more information.

MEMBERSHIP



Branch Roster

The updated branch roster is available via a link in the Friday updates and on the AAUW-LPD website. We still have some missing information. Please check your info and send any updates, additions or changes to Tina at tmamber6@gmail.com

Membership Renewal

At this time, few details from AAUW National are available regarding the 2024-2025 membership renewal process. Most likely, you will receive an email directly from AAUW National requesting you to renew your national, state and branch membership online. *Please try the online renewal--it is so easy!* Remember, after 20 plus years, the Branch voted last April to increase branch dues from \$16 to \$25. Questions? Contact Tina at tmamber6@gmail.com.

FROM AAUW OF CALIFORNIA

AAUW CA Annual Event

Find out what's happening in the hallways of AAUW California at the 2024 Annual Event on Saturday, April 27, 9 AM to 12 noon. This virtual, online event will include updates about what AAUW California does for branches; the winning videos from Speech Trek and Gov Trek; and winners of the Branch Activity of the Year and State Named Gift Honoree. Register [here](#) to attend.

AAUW CA Supports National Bylaws Change

AAUW California [supports the proposed bylaw change](#) to eliminate the college degree requirement for membership. Watch for your invitation to vote from AAUW National.

FROM AAUW OF CALIFORNIA (continued)

Tell your Story

AAUW California wants to hear your story of an “aha” AAUW moment—a time when you had a sudden heartwarming flash of happiness, gratitude, pride, excitement, or hilarity because you're part of this organization. Please keep it under 75 words and send it with your name and branch to cc@aauw-ca.org

AAUW FUND

The AAUW Fund is currently taking applications for the 2023-2024 funding year. Your donations to the Greatest Needs fund can take place anytime throughout the year--you need not wait for annual dues renewal season. You can make a contribution (and a difference) in a young woman’s life anytime. As soon as the awards are made, we enjoy publishing the results in our newsletter--and making the connection between donation and beneficiary. A brief profile of each recipient describes the exciting work being done by tomorrow’s leaders. Here is a link to the donation page:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>

Thank you!



Apply for AAUW's Fellowships and Grants Today!

Follow in the footsteps of award-winning authors, scientists, scholars, changemakers, and community leaders. AAUW is providing more than \$6 million in funding to 285 fellows and grantees in the 2023-24 award year. These exceptional recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls. Will you be next?

YOUR 2023-2024 LPD BOARD

Branch Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Contact [Anita Massey](#) if you would like to attend. Meetings are either in person or via Zoom (or both).

Officers:

President/Administrator - Anita Massey
Program Chair - Gwen Locke
Finance - Pam Leong
Membership - Tina Amber

Directors:

AAUW Fund - PJ Wells
Interbranch Council Liaison - Charlene Grandfield
Communications Coordinator - Marilyn Duman
Publicity - Roz Wright
Secretary - Pam Leong
STEM Director - Anita Massey

CELEBRATIONS

STEM Day (a partnership between AAUW LPD, Sandia National Laboratories and Las Positas College)



Wine Enthusiasts at JMC Cellars



BRANCH ACTIVITIES AND INTEREST GROUPS

International Lunch Group

Let's try Korean in April! Seoul Komtang, a small family restaurant located on Santa Rita Road in Pleasanton, has an extensive selection of traditional Korean dishes, and they are excited to welcome us. The name, Komtang, refers to a traditional Korean soup made with bone marrow, brisket and beef bone to create a hearty and tasty dish. It's best eaten with radish kimchi (kaktugi), and rice can be included in the soup or served separately. You can choose to try this dish or one of the many noodle, rice or BBQ dishes. Limited to twelve. Please RSVP via the Evite to join us on Wednesday, April 24, 12 noon. Questions? Contact Tina at tmamber6@gmail.com

Board Meeting

Branch Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome at board meetings, so please contact [Anita Massey](#) if you plan to attend.

Interest groups are open to active AAUW LPD branch members only. Guests may attend a maximum of three times without becoming a member.

Wine Enthusiasts	Possible date in May	Watch for Evite
International Lunch Group	Wednesday, April 24, 12 noon	Seoul Komtang Pleasanton
Monday Night Bridge	7 PM, 2 nd and 4 th Mondays	Various locations
Morning Book Group	9:30 AM, 4 th Monday	03/28/24
Afternoon Book Group	1:30 PM, 2 nd Wednesday	
Mission Discussion Group	10 AM, 2 nd Thursday	
Cocktails & Conversation	5:30 PM, 1 st Thursday	April 4, 828 Bites & Brews

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